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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: HANDLING CAPACITY INCREASES AND OTHER  
PROBLEMS

REF: MEXICO 7291

1. SEPTTEL REQUESTS EMBASSY TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION IN FAVOR OF REPLACING CAPACITY PROCEDURES WITH FREE INTRODUCTION OF SCHEDULE CHANGES SUBJECT TO EX POST FACTO REVIEW AND CONSULTATIONS. THIS MESSAGE EXPANDS ON DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REGARDING HANDLING OF THIS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONS ON CIVIL AVIATION.
2. THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE US-MEXICO AIR TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BECOME CONTENTIOUS. THEY ARE: CERTAIN LOW FARE DISAPPROVALS; DESIGNATION OF AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL

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FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICES; CAPACITY PRESCREENING PROCEDURES. DEPARTMENT IS SENDING SEPARATE INSTRUCTION ON FARES PROBLEM. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO TRY TO ISOLATE FARES ISSUES AND TO DISCUSS THEM AT TECHNICAL LEVEL DURING CONSULTATIONS.

3. SIMILARLY, DEPT SOON WILL BE DESIGNATING AIRLIFT

INTERNATIONAL FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICES TO MEXICO. MEXICANS ARE EXPECTED TO CHALLENGE DESIGNATION ON GROUNDS EITHER THAT ALL-CARGO SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN BILATERAL,

OR THAT DESIGNATION OF ALL-CARGO AIRLINE ON ROUTE ALREADY SERVED BY COMBINATION AIRLINE WOULD CONSTITUTE MULTIPLE DESIGNATION, TO WHICH MEXICANS ARE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE. WE BELIEVE DESIGNATION ISSUE SHOULD ALSO BE TREATED SEPARATELY.

4. CAPACITY ISSUE, IN EFFECT, CONSTITUTES A US REQUEST FOR A MEXICAN ACCOMMODATION SO AS TO AVOID POLICY DIFFICULTIES FOR US. WE BELIEVE PROSPECTS OF MEXICAN ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IF THIS POINT WERE RAISED IN A BROAD NON-TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK AT A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL, E.G., AMBASSADOR TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION. PRESENTATION COULD BE LOW-KEY, BUT IT SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE HIGH DEGREE OF COMMITMENT OF US POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS TO CARRY OUT PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON CAPACITY AND FREQUENCY OF SERVICE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT WE ARE READY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING PRACTICAL CAPACITY PROBLEMS THROUGH PROMPT CONSULTATIONS IN A PRAGMATIC AND FORTHCOMING MANNER. WHILE OTHER OF ABOVE-NAMED ISSUES ALSO INVOLVE US AVIATION POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVES THAT AS OPPOSED TO CAPACITY ISSUE THERE WOULD BE LITTLE ADVANTAGE AT THIS TIME TO ESCALATE THEIR DISCUSSION ABOVE THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. CHRISTOPHER

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